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Dear Mr. Bartley: *(Wall St. Journal)*

Thank you for your (albeit unrewarded) efforts to locate the Toynbee reference. It may have been one of those brief excerpts that appears on the editorial page, rather than a reference in an editorial; but I hoped even these might be filed in your morgue under "Toynbee". I shall try to dig up the old man's address and write him directly.

As to Jensen-Shockley-Herrnstein, I do my best to make the necessary distinctions. I certainly do not associate myself with the disruptions of their classes or their personal harassment. We had a more difficult problem at Stanford recently that had to do with the university's accreditation of Shockley's course on dysgenics. I am in sympathy with Dean Moses final decision, but even more with the dilemma of competing values in this case. Shockley will claim that his free speech is impeded, for which there is little evidence in this case (I do not condone the real impediments at Dartmouth and at Sacramento). He also claims that his research is impeded when the National Academy refuses to endorse a high priority crash program in race genetics that every experienced geneticist testifies is futile. (And I am afraid that Mr. Royster's column of May 22 1968 added to the misunderstanding. The Academy had no wish to obstruct an "objective inquiry"-the problem is an authentic procedure by which to answer questions that do not lend themselves to the simplicities of solid state physics.) When scientists have material questions they do not customarily demand the authority of the Academy to answer them: they devise critical experiments. But it is all too evident that Shockley has already answered all of his questions before the fact.

Shockley is not the only professor who is abusing the prestige of his station, and I hope we will see a more consistent zeal on the part of the appropriate academic groups, that is the peer departments, to impose higher standards of scholarly rigor on what their colleagues exhibit as facts.

I hope the enclosures will help elaborate my views. I have made no comment on Herrnstein. Some of these statements may be a little out of date, but I will be happy to enlarge on any further specific questions you may have.

I enjoyed the clippings you sent me; in fact I have most of your signed editorials in my files.

Sincerely

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